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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE March 9, 1983

FULL NAME George W. Swindel, Jr.  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS #7 Hickory Lane

CITY Tuscaloosa STATE Alabama ZIP CODE 35404

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 62 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Geologist

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 215 HEIGHT 5'11" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Lt. Brown COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Works with Emergency Medical Technicians

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN 2 David, Dorothy  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE Betty

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Post 14	Tuscaloosa	AL	EA	6/72 to present	
Troop 14	Tuscaloosa	AL	SA	11/57	
Troop 14	Tuscaloosa	AL	SM	1/78 to present	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION SILVER BEAVER - 1963

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

See letter with enclosures sent to Mr. David Park on February 25, 1983.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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JOSEPH L. AUGLIN

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

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WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL # 6

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: HAROLD WATSON

POSITION: SE

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

DIST. # \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSMITTAL # \_\_\_\_\_

FILM # \_\_\_\_\_

Called -

INDICATED GEORGE SWINDEL  
HAS NOW BEEN ACCUSED OF Sexual  
ACTIVITY WITH YOUTH. Police  
Investigation Taking Place.  
PCmt  
12-1-88

P.S. Found Diary of Activities  
IN SEARCH OF HOME -

FORMER Scout Being Contacted

R/S-433  
3/13/86-clf-567r

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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June 17, 1983

Mr. Jere H. Williams  
Scout Executive  
Black Warrior Council, No. 6

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: George W. Swinder, Jr.

Dear Jere:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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SCOUTING/USA

National Office  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75062-1296  
Telephone: 214 659-2000

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DAVID K. PARK

March 2, 1983

Mr. Jere H. Williams  
Scout Executive  
Black Warrior Council, No. 6

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Jere:

Mr. David Park has referred your correspondence to me related to Mr. George W. Swindel, Jr. I appreciate all the documentation which you have prepared and hope you will send us any additional information which you receive.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record sheet for your completion. This will give us information which will enable us to identify Mr. Swindel in case he tries to register in some other council.

Please let me know if I can be of further help to you in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
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cc: Southeast Region  
David K. Park, SUM 0400

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Mr. Williams,

After receiving letters from both you and Al Watson, I feel obligated to speak up for what I consider a grave injustice to Tame 14 and George Swindle.

I am sure as far as Scout "Politics" you are more familiar with George than I. But as a perfectly wonderful person and leader of young men, you must not know him at all. When [redacted] was born fourteen years ago George came to the hospital to wish me luck and to tell me he could hardly wait for the day [redacted] could join his troop. Throughout the years he has encouraged [redacted] into active scouting. This year [redacted] would have become a member of The Post. It is with much regret on his part and mine that now he will not have that opportunity. And no, Mr. Williams, [redacted] does not wish to be in another Post.

Let me ask you - how many Scouts do you know that often call their leaders at night just to tell him

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They love him? I have seen  
not only [redacted] but several  
other members of Troop 14  
do this as well as hug  
and love on George in a way  
that would make tears  
come to even your eyes.



I hope that I have not been too  
sentimental for you but after Dr. Watson's  
letter indicating that Troop 14 was not  
getting "adequate" leadership I felt  
compelled to write. It is obvious that  
that the Black Warrior Council and  
my opinion of adequate leadership do  
not correspond.

I feel that you have taken a person  
who has dedicated his life to scouting  
and to "his boys" out of a very important  
role and that many young men will be  
the losers because of this decision.

I sincerely hope that Calvary Baptist  
and the Black Warrior Council are  
prepared to deal with this grave  
injustice.

Parent of: [redacted]

April 7, 1983

Dr. Jerry A. Houett, President  
Black Warrior Council, B.S.A.  
1014 15th Street  
Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401

Dear Doctor Houett:

This is in response to our conference of March 24, 1983 and your letter dated "March 31, 1983" and handed to me on March 24.

I have discussed your allegations with several people, including parents, Explorers, attorney, friend and others. I have searched my Diary records for the period January 1979 to present, and have come to the following conclusions:

1. Since I have been denied the basic rights of an American citizen to face my accusers, see a bill of particulars, to call witnesses in my behalf, and to cross-examine my accusers, I must categorically deny the allegations made by you at the conference on March 24. This is based on my philosophy and general reputation on the subject of alcohol.

2. Your principal informant is most probably a disgruntled, vindictive and spiteful former college-age Explorer (Age 18-21) who was dropped from Explorer Post 14 in October 1981 for alcohol abuse and other objectionable activities. Any collaborators were most probably dropped at the same time and are acting out of blind

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loyalty to him. Any offenses committed prior to October 1981 were probably precipitated by your in-faithfulness.

3. I have had few, if any, alcohol-abuse problems since, except for special cases, I discontinued registration of College-age Explorers in October 1981. My chief objection to college-age Explorers is that too many of them expect more privileges than their younger counterparts and consequently get everyone else in trouble sooner or later.

4. Since I have had practically no alcohol-related problems since October 1981 it appears that too long a time has elapsed to seriously consider any valid indignation at this time and therefore, must conclude that this complaint is made out of spite.

In conclusion, I feel that I have been treated very shabbily in this action. I feel that few, if any, people who have judged me really know me or know what I stand for. Few Scouters have the tenure I have, forty-two years with units in direct contact with the boys. Few Scouters have held a dying 15-year old in their arms while praying that the Paramedics would make it in time. Few Scouters have had to make the "Battlefield" decisions I have made. I have

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made mistakes, but they were honest ones and I hope I have learned from them. I have never knowingly offended or abused any of my boys. A far greater number of the boys and parents support me today than the number of those who would spite me.

I respectfully request that my suspension be lifted so that we may resume harmonious relations and so that I can get back to my work that 46 sets of parents and a large segment of the community think I do well.

Very truly yours



George W. Dravid, Jr.  
7. Hickory Lane  
Tuscaloosa, Al. 35404

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March 31, 1983

I was served alcoholic beverages (gin and tonic) on more than one occasion at Mr. George W. Swindel, Jr.'s home by George W. Swindel, Jr. before I was of legal age. This occurred during a period before September 1981.

Signed:  

Date: March 31, 1983

Witness: Walter W. Gair

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Dave Park Has  
Agreed This Day

SWINDLE CASE  
SHALL BE APPROVED  
AND REGISTRATION  
REFUSED.

Paul Amst

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BLACK WARRIOR COUNCIL, No. 6

1014 FIFTEENTH STREET, TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401

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March 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM OF THE CONVERSATION

On March 24, 1983, from 2 p.m. until 3:20 p.m., a meeting was held in the Council Executive's office at the Scout Service Center, 1014 15th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, between Dr. Jerry A. Lovett, Council President, Jere H. Williams, Council Executive, and George W. Swindel, Jr., former Scoutmaster of Troop 14 and Explorer Advisor of Post 14. (His registration card expires on January 31, 1984.)

After the attached letter was read, Mr. Swindel was verbally told the reasons for suspending registration. No accusations were made. He was told we had received reports indicating:

Alcoholic beverages have been served to underaged youth who were members of Post 14 in his presence. And he has conducted himself with members of troop and post 14 in a manner that is inconsistent with the principles of leadership in Scouting.

He was also told the local council has evidence to convince it that his moral life does not meet the standards for leadership in the BSA. It was indicated to him the BSA is not sharing this information with anyone and only wishes him to stop all Scouting activity. He was informed of the right to seek review of his own case and the procedure was explained as outlined on page 9 of the policy statement on "Procedures For Maintaining Standards of Leadership", dated February 1982, from J. L. Tarr, Chief Scout Executive.

Mr. Swindel sought on numerous occasions to gain more specific information of when, where and how events took place and was told, according to Scouting procedure, this information was confidential and he, through his appeal rights, could tell his side of the story should he decide to appeal. He expressed his opinion that he was being treated unfairly after 42 years of being involved in Scouting; this was little thanks for someone who had dedicated his life with a degree of love for the Scouting organization and for the boys who had come through his troop and post. It was carefully explained to him that we were merely exercising our right to determine who will or will not be leaders in Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Swindel questioned if this was part of Calvary Baptist Church's withdrawing his charter of the troop and post and if he was being hit while down. He was told that this was a separate process and that the Calvary Baptist Church had concern for lack of Baptists in the troop and Explorer post.

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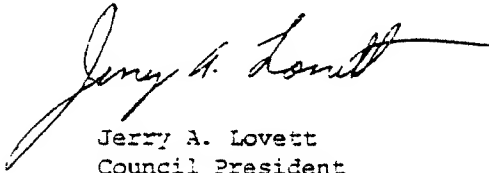
Mr. Swindel expressed concern as to the process of review as it related to confidentiality. He had heard the Baptist stories over the Baptist Church withdrawing his charter and he was concerned that information could be leaked here. He said the two rumors he had heard was that he had a rowdy uncontrollable group of boys and the second story was that there was something wrong with him and it was explained to him that we would adhere to the Scouting procedure for the appeal process of which confidentiality is a significant part.

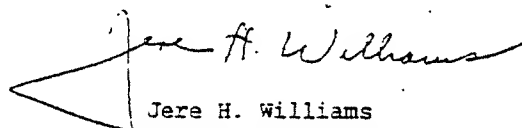
He was concerned about what had been in the mail and it was explained to him that the letter he received had never been in the mail which he acknowledged. He pointed out that the letter was dated March 31, 1983 and today's date was March 24, 1983 and asked if there was any significance in the March 31st date. He was told that the date should have been March 24th and there was no significance in the date of March 31st.

He expressed his view that this left him with several options including possibly taking us to court over defamation of character and that he would possibly take some time in deciding what course he would pursue. He questioned extensively the review procedure and expressed his concern that the review would spread the knowledge and the fairness with which he would be treated. Repeatedly, he was told he had the right to submit a written appeal, that upon receipt of written appeal a committee of three would be appointed to review and sustain or over rule the decision made. He asked whether or not he would be allowed to have witnesses and himself present and it was explained to him, he could submit anything in writing and that the committee might elect to interview him, but that he could not be present or present physical witnesses when his appeal was being reviewed at the meeting of the committee.

At one point during the meeting he explained that he would on occasion arrange for shelter and food for young people who had run away from home and that the boys still continue to come over to his house to play the video games, but that he had discontinued his AEA trip and had not been running any official Scouting activities. He did explain that at this time he was not active in any Scouting capacity and asked if we were trying to get him out of Scouting; just to tell him and we would stand a better chance of getting him to withdraw. Dr. Lovett explained to him that that is the jest of the letter and that unless he appealed and our decision overruled, he would not be allowed to have a leadership role in the future.

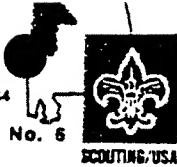
He indicated that he had been a staunch supporter of the Boy Scouts organization for many years and could be an even worse enemy than he was a friend if he chose to and that should he decide to show the letter to other Scouting leaders who were alumni of his organization and the current membership of his recently suspended post, it would be very harmful to the Scouting organization. He indicated that he could be a very effective adversary.

  
Jerry A. Lovett  
Council President

  
Jere H. Williams  
Council Executive

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BLACK WARRIOR COUNCIL, No. 6

1014 FIFTEENTH STREET, TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401

March 31, 1983

Mr. George W. Swindel, Jr.  
#7 Hickory Lane  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Mr. Swindel:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely,

Jerry A. Lovett  
President

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March 2, 1983

Mr. Jere H. Williams  
Scout Executive  
Black Warrior Council, No. 6

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
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cc: Southeast Region

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DAWN HADDELL

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# Calvary Baptist Church



ALLAN R. WATSON  
Pastor

February 17, 1983

Mr. George Swindel, Jr.  
7 Hickory Lane  
Tuscaloosa, Al, 35404

Dear George:

You are undoubtedly aware of our church's decision last evening to discontinue our Scouting ministry next week. We are to have no more meetings after February 23rd. I personally appreciate the many many years that you have served as a leader in this vital area of work. Let me apologize for our failure to provide you needed assistance. Our church leadership has had a growing concern regarding our inability to get people to respond to the challenge of Scouting and because of this we decided that it would be wise to discontinue.

We voted to reserve all equipment and funds which you have accumulated for future use of Scouting. Your assistance in helping us get it together and store it here at the church would be greatly appreciated. Also we expressed our great desire to begin work immediately in the total reorganizational of the program and especially in securing and training of the needed workers.

Today I am sending a letter to each of the Troop and Post members urging them to join another Scouting unit so as to continue their training and service. I'm sure that you will help them also. The Scouting office has assured me that all fees paid are transferable to other units.

Again thank you for a long and faithful ministry and I covet your continued friendship.

With kindest regards,

Allan P. Watson

ARW/jh

Copy to: Boy Scouts of America Office

1121 TENTH STREET, TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401

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# Calvary Baptist Church



ALLAN R. WATSON  
Pastor

February 18, 1983

Special Notice to all members of Explorer Post 14 and Troop 14

It is with deep personal regret that I inform you that Calvary Church voted last evening, February 16, to disband our scouting program effective next week. There will be no meetings after February 23.

Several of you have written me in the past few days expressing great appreciation for what the troop and post have meant to you and I am most grateful for your letters. The Scout Office has assured us that your dues paid can be transferred to another scouting unit. There are several excellent units nearby and I hope that you will continue your training and service in one of them. The Scout Office or our church office will be happy to assist you in joining another troop or post.

Last night we voted to reaffirm our confidence in the value of the Scout program. Also, we're going to work very hard to secure adequate leadership and give them the best training possible so as to resume our Scouting ministry by September 1, 1983.

I'm proud of you and pray that God will ever bless you.

Your friend,

Allan R. Watson, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church

ARW:pjd

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February 16, 1983

1. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were living in Forrester Apartments. [REDACTED] was an active member of Post 14 and he quit Post 14 during the summer of 1981. About the middle of October 1981, [REDACTED] found several post-dated checks in his automobile and a note from George Swindel. The note stated if he would spend so many hours on certain days with George Swindel he could cash the checks. [REDACTED] was going to return the checks, but George Swindel showed up at the apartment. [REDACTED] returned the checks to him then. On at least three other occasions he tried to forcibly enter the apartments.

On one occasion in particular, he went as far as checking the apartment windows which were all locked. Another time when some girls were at the apartment, he used damaging language toward them.

2. Several times they would find George Swindel following them ([REDACTED]) in their car when they were going out.

SIGNED [REDACTED]

DATE

2/17/83

WITNESS:

Walter Dair

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February 16, 1983

One afternoon about a year and a half ago, our troop's older boys went rapelling down at the University of Alabama's rapelling tower. When we arrived, George Swindel was there with his explorer post (E14).

As the afternoon went on, a boy walked by where George Swindel and I was standing and he dropped a soft drink can on the ground. George Swindel told him to pick it up. The boy responded by telling him, "Fuck you. Pick it up yourself, you son-of-a-bitch."

George Swindel just stood there and laughed at the boy. Several of the other boys was using language just as strong all afternoon that we were there. George Swindel did not say anything to them while I was there or did not make any attempt to shut them up.

Signed:\*\*\*--

Date:

2-16-1983

Witness:

Walter W. Davis

Date:\*\*\*

2/16/83

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